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ISLE OF THANET BUILDING SOCIETY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members will be held in the Society's Offices, 46 Queen Street, Ramsgate, on THURSDAY, March 12th, 1942, at 3 p.m., to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts to December 31st, 1941, to elect Directors, to confirm the appointment of Auditors, and to transact other business in accordance with the Rules.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

WILLIAM W. WETHERILL,
Secretary.

Ramsgate.

UNDERPAID CLERKS

IN FROZEN JOBS

The statement that the Gas and Water Committee still had in their employ competent clerks of 29 years of age who were earning only £130 a year was made by Alderman C. R. Woodhams at the March meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

The report of the Gas and Water Committee stated that the committee had had under consideration for some time their responsibility with regard to salaries paid resulting from the application to the department of "The Essential Works Order." The Engineer and Manager (Mr. R. H. Ruthven) reported that in general no action appeared to be necessary but recommended that two officers at present in Grade 3 be advanced to the maximum of that grade.

The officers referred to were H. S. Mirams, aged 29, with 12 years' service, and R. E. Markins, aged 29, with 13 years' service. Both were receiving £130 per annum, and it was recommended that their salaries be advanced to £170.

It was further recommended that, in view of the time that the discussions had taken, the increases should date from 1st January last.

Alderman Woodhams said he had raised the matter three years previously.

In reply to Alderman A. E. Petley the chairman of the Gas and Water Committee (Councillor S. E. Austin) agreed that the two officers referred to were "frozen," and could not leave to take other jobs.

Councillor Austin said the salaries were regulated, except by a special recommendation, by the scale laid down by the Corporation. The Gas and Water Committee could not do more. They agreed that the men had been underpaid.

The recommendation was adopted.

OFFICIAL'S BRIDE

WEDDING OF MR. K. F. SPEAKMAN

Legal assistant to Ramsgate Corporation, Mr. Kenneth Floyd Speakman, only son of the late Mr. Thomas Speakman and of Mrs. Speakman, of Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent, was married at St. Philip's Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, to Miss Joanna Mary Caswell, only child of the late Mr. A. E. Caswell and of Mrs. Caswell, of Penn Fields, Wolverhampton.

Before taking up his appointment at Ramsgate in 1938, Mr. Speakman was on the staff of the Town Clerk's department at Wednesbury and was articled as a solicitor to Mr. Norman Lester, then Town Clerk of Wednesbury and now of Solihull, Mr. Lester, who is Mr. Speakman's father-in-law, acted as best man at the wedding.

The bride, a member of the teaching profession at Wolverhampton, was dressed in a powder-blue two-piece with hat to match and burgundy gloves and shoes. She wore a spray of carnations.

A reception was held at the bride's home, after which Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Speakman left for a honeymoon at Llandudno and Capel Curig.

Among the presents was an engraved silver cake stand and set of cake forks from the officials of Ramsgate Corporation and the Local Food Office, of which Mr. Speakman is Assistant Food Officer. Staff and scholars at Woodfield-avenue School presented the bride with an oak tea tray and a butter dish and knife to match.

CAR EPIDEMIC

ANOTHER COUNCIL PURCHASE

"With this Council cars are becoming not only a disease but an epidemic," declared Councillor J. R. Butler at the March meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

The report of the Civil Defence Committee stated that the Sub-Controller reported that he had considered the question of the allocation and disposal of the surplus sitting cars and he suggested that a 20 h.p. Morris car be allocated for the use of the Gas Identification Officer during periods of actual gas attacks and exercises. The original cost of this car was £30 but the Regional Authorities were not prepared to sanction expenditure in connection with the provision of a car for the Gas Identification Officer and in these circumstances it would be necessary for the Corporation to purchase the car at an agreed price.

The committee recommended that the suggestion of the Sub-Controller be approved.

Moving that the recommendation be referred to Council in committee for further consideration, Councillor F. C. Miller said the Regional Authorities would not meet the cost of a car for the Gas Identification Officer and it was unfair to put the burden on the ratepayers. For once he agreed with the Regional Authorities. It was ridiculous to suggest using a 20 h.p. car for such a purpose.

Seconding the amendment, Councillor Butler made the remark quoted above and said that sooner or later they would have to put a check on the number of vehicles being used.

Councillor H. Farmer suggested to the Civil Defence Committee that, as in H.M. Forces, there should be one petrolless day a week.

Councillor P. Turner said they were putting the cart before the horse. He thought there should have been an explanation from the chairman of the Civil Defence Committee (Councillor A. R. Young) as to the necessity for providing a car for the Gas Identification Officer.

Councillor Young said the paragraph explained that the car would be required only during actual gas attacks and for exercises. He referred to the introduction of the report of his committee with a few remarks and was heavily sat on by the Council for having done so.

The recommendation was referred back.

We were subsequently informed that the matter was afterwards considered by Council in committee and the recommendation of the Civil Defence Committee adopted.

RAMSGATE PRISONER IS "O.K."

In a recent letter to his mother, Mrs. S. C. Goff, of Willson's-road, Ramsgate, now living at Windsor, Pte. Dennis Goff, The Buffs, who is a prisoner at Stalag XXI D, states that he is "O.K."

"The worst part of life is losing one's pals," he wrote. "I have lost one of mine."

Twenty-one years of age, Pte. Goff was taken prisoner at the time of the fall of France. Before the war he was employed by Messrs. Mockridge, of High-street, Ramsgate.

Another brother, also employed by Messrs. Mockridge, Cpl. Chris Goff, is serving with the R.A.F. in West Africa.

MAKING UP SERVICE PAY

The report of Council in committee presented to Margate Town Council to-day approved the recommendation of the Salaries Sub-Committee that, "until otherwise resolved," the Council should continue to make supplementary payments to all permanent officers and servants called up for service with the Forces.

Chief Constable's Anxiety

WG. CDR. BUTLER, D.F.C, MISSING

The deepest sympathy will be extended to the Chief Constable of Ramsgate (Mr. S. F. Butler) and Mrs. Butler in their anxiety caused by the official announcement that their only son, Actg. Wg. Cdr. Vernon S. Butler, D.F.C., R.A.F., is missing.

A very popular and extremely capable young officer, Wg. Cdr. Butler, who is 26 years of age, has rendered his country great service since the outbreak of war.

An old boy of St. Lawrence College, Wg. Cdr. Butler selected the Royal Air Force as his career and served in France as a bomber pilot in the early days of the war.

Taking part in many raids over Germany and enemy-occupied territory, Wg. Cdr. Butler's skill, judgment and daring gained him a high reputation with officers and men alike and his promotion was rapid.

In September last Wg. Cdr. Butler was among 51 officers and men decorated for daylight attacks in July on Brest, La Pallice and Cherbourg.

An Air Ministry announcement at the time stated that extremely heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition were encountered by all our aircraft taking part. Nevertheless the attackers secured direct hits on their objectives and inflicted very severe damage in the target area. The precise timing of attack by the various formations, correct approach and accurate bombing demanded great skill and high courage.

The great success of the operations was largely due to the bravery, determination, and resource displayed by those who participated in various capacities as leaders and members of the aircraft crews.

15-YEAR-OLD BOY'S EXAMPLE

Stating that he was very eager to help his country, a 15-year-old Ramsgate boy wrote to the Commanding Officer of Ramsgate Home Guard asking whether he was too young to join.

On being informed that such was the case, 16 being the minimum age, he again wrote:

"I am disappointed I cannot join you, as my Dad is a soldier. He joined The Buffs in December, 1939, although he was 42 years old and in a reserved trade. He served in the last war, too, and I want to be like him and help my country. All being well, I will join you on my 16th birthday."

The eager young recruit will be 16 in September.

Towing—Ramsgate's mobile trailer kitchen, the gift of Calgary Junior Chamber of Commerce, is, for the time being, to be towed by the Works Department pathway roller driven by an employee of the department earmarked for the purpose.

PETROL OFFENCES

AMBULANCE COMMANDANT AND C.D. WORKER FINED

The Commandant of Broadstairs Ambulance Corps and a Broadstairs woman Civil Defence worker were each fined £10 at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, for contravening the Motor Fuel Rationing Order.

Mrs. Emily St. Swithin Turner, of High-street, Broadstairs, agent for a corset firm and a full-time Civil Defence worker, was summoned for unlawfully acquiring petrol otherwise than from a supplier, and Mr. John Croxon Bell, butcher, of The Broadway, was summoned for furnishing Mrs. Turner with a quantity of petrol, not being a supplier.

Mr. E. C. Allfree represented Mrs. Turner, and Bell was represented by Mr. T. Hoppit. Both pleaded guilty.

Mr. N. H. Curtis-Raleigh, who prosecuted, said Mrs. Turner owned a car which was earmarked as a sitting case car for A.R.P. purposes. Petrol for that purpose was allowed her on a mileage basis. As a result of observations made by P/Inspr. Belsey of the journeys which the car made, the inspector interviewed Mrs. Turner on 16th October. She then made a statement in which she said she received no facilities for procuring petrol in connection with her work as an agent for a corset company, although she used her car in connection with that work. She was also a full-time paid car driver for Broadstairs A.R.P. She received the basic ration of petrol for her car, which was then six gallons a month, and in addition she was allowed petrol by the Urban District Council as an A.R.P. worker, which was based on the mileage driven on their behalf, at the rate of one gallon for every 25 miles. She had never received more than two gallons in any month from the Council. She went on to admit that she had had a little extra petrol. She had some from Mr. Bell, but her, of The Broadway, but never more than two gallons at a time. She paid him 2s. 6½d. a gallon.

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On 18th October, said Mr. Curtis-Raleigh, Mrs. Turner was again seen by Inspr. Belsey and she then said she had had petrol over a period of some months, and named a man, who had since died, who gave her petrol from spare coupons. "I know I have been foolish," she added.

Mrs. Turner, seen again on 23rd October, said she received petrol from each person now dead from December, 1940, until he was taken away. She then obtained petrol from Mr. Bell.

Mr. Curtis-Raleigh said Bell was interviewed on 17th October and made a statement, in which he said he had not had a motor vehicle in use since August, 1941. A friend had lent him a vehicle from that date onwards, and he used some of his ration of petrol in the car. He was issued with coupons for five gallons a week. He had received a letter from the Ministry of Transport to act as organiser of a certain group, which included local tradesmen. About twice he had supplied petrol directly to Mrs. Turner at 2s. a gallon. She had two gallons on each occasion, which were placed in her tank from cans. The petrol was secured by his trade coupons. The same man now dead, to explain that his previous goods van was smashed to pieces in an air raid. He had been receiving his petrol coupons regularly since then and used the petrol in the car he borrowed. "If I have done anything wrong it was not intentional," the statement added.

Mr. Curtis-Raleigh pointed out that both defendants held official positions, one being a full-time A.R.P. worker, and the other was responsible for issuing petrol coupons as a group organiser for the Ministry of Transport. "If officials do not pay proper regard to the regulations," he remarked, "it is very hard for the general public to do so."

A Temptation.

Mr. Allfree asked the bench to believe that at the time the offence was committed Mrs. Turner did not realise the seriousness of it.

"I am not going to say she did not appreciate that she was committing some sort of irregularity in obtaining petrol other than on her own coupons," he said, "but she did not appreciate the seriousness of it. A temptation was presented to her. She was in need of petrol and a means of getting it was offered to her. She fell to that temptation."

Mr. Allfree said Mrs. Turner was a woman of irreproachable character and the widow of a naval officer.

Mr. Hoppit said in August last, when Bell supplied some of the petrol, he was caught in a bad air raid. He lost his car and he did not realise at the time the enormity of the offence. He was still in a very bad state of health. He was well known as the only survivor of the founders of the Ambulance Corps in Broadstairs in 1915 and was now the commandant. He had received many decorations for his ambulance work.

"He committed this offence entirely out of kindness of heart," added Mr. Hoppit.

The Chairman (Councillor S. W. Pearce) said the bench regarded both cases as being very serious, and the defendants would be fined £10 each, with £1 11s. 6d. costs each.

RAMSGATE "ADOPTED"

HELP FROM SURREY TOWN

Ramsgate has been "adopted" by Guildford, the flourishing Surrey town.

This is a sequel to the visit to Guildford of the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), who is addressing a series of meetings on behalf of the Ministry of Information.

The Mayor told an Advertiser & Echo reported on the telephone that he asked the people of Guildford to adopt Ramsgate and they readily agreed to do so.

"The Mayor of Guildford is very enthusiastic about the idea," said Alderman Kempe.

THE CAT WOMAN

DEATH OF MISS A. F. ELVIN

Familiarly known as "The Cat Woman"—she kept a number of cats at her home at 10 Nelson-crescent, Ramsgate—Miss Anna F. Elvin passed away at Ramsgate General Hospital on Monday night at the age of 76.

Accompanied by the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. J. V. Walker), police officers visited Nelson-crescent on Saturday and looking through a window saw Miss Elvin lying on the floor. They forced an entry and found Miss Elvin to be in a collapsed state.

An ambulance was sent for and Miss Elvin was taken to hospital suffering from exposure and heart trouble.

HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS APPEAL

During February the Extensions Appeal Fund of Ramsgate General Hospital was increased by £19 3s. 5d. to a total of £10,457 1s.

A gift of £2, gratefully acknowledged by the committee, came from Mrs. Daniels and Miss Jarvis, of St. Lawrence, and the remaining £17 3s. 5d. was interest for the year 1941 on assets deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank.

This is the 48th published list of contributions to the Extensions Appeal.

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TWO KILLED IN RAILWAY TRAGEDY

Two Minster railwaymen were killed in an accident on the line between Minster and Sandwich on Thursday morning.

They were Walter Shaw, aged 40, sub-gauger, of 7 Freeman's Terrace, Station-road, and Cornelius John Pat Ambrose, aged 28, a length man, of 4 Freeman's Terrace.

The men were walking along the line with Thomas Harrison, aged 52, a length man, of Marchael Girl Cottages, Monkton-road, Minster.

The three men were struck by an engine. Horton was thrown clear and escaped with injuries.

At an inquest conducted by the East Kent Coroner (Mr. Butler Morell) at Eastry on Saturday, Clarence Henry Shersby, a ganger, of Norton Villas, Minster, said the two dead men and Horton were members of his gang. On the day previous to the accident he told them that the stretch of line was subject to one-way working and that all trains would be using the up line. He also showed Shaw a circular on the matter. On the morning of the accident the three men left him to go to their work. When they were about 300 yards away he blew a whistle to recall them. He saw them turn back but he did not notice them again until the train stopped and Horton came along the line to tell him that Shaw and Ambrose had been knocked down. The accident happened about 8 a.m. at a spot where there was a bend in the line.

Stopped Their Memory.

Horton told the Coroner that he and his companions knew about the single-line working. It was invariably the practice of platelayers to return on the opposite road to that on which they went out and when Shersby blew his whistle they adopted the usual habit, forgetting that single-line traffic was in operation. Before crossing to the up line they noticed a train was approaching from the direction of Sandwich and later heard the whistle.

"It had slipped by memory and must have done my pals'," said Horton, referring to the single-line working. They were almost abreast when the train came up behind them but they thought it was on the other line. The train seemed so close that he turned to look. He was struck on the shoulder and pushed to the outside of the track. His two companions were killed.

The driver of the train, George William Mitchell, of Dover, said as they were approaching the bridge over the Stour the fireman sounded the whistle and his caused him to look out of the right side of the cab. A man with his back to the engine was walking near the up line. The fireman whistled again and witness then noticed the head and shoulders of a man in the four-foot way. The regulator was closed and the brakes applied. He felt a jar and knew they had hit something.

Back to the Engine.

Reginald Arthur Penn, of Dover, the fireman said he first blew the whistle when he saw the heads and shoulders of the men about 100 yards away. Their backs were to the engine.

Stating that in each case death was due to multiple fractures of the skull, Dr. D. M. M. Fraser said there was no indication that the men turned round or were aware of the danger behind them.

A verdict of "Death by Misadventure" was returned.

The funeral of Mr. Shaw takes place at Ramsgate Cemetery to-day, preceded by a service at St. Lawrence Church.

A very popular man, Mr. Shaw was a prominent member of the Southern Railway Ambulance Corps and had taken part in many competitions.

He was called up for military service in September, 1939, and went to France with The Buffs. When most of his comrades were captured Mr. Shaw managed to escape, made his way across France and arrived back in England about three weeks after the evacuation of Dunkirk. He was transferred back into the railway service in March, 1941.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. BILLING

The death following an operation occurred in hospital at Glasgow last week of Mr. John Hugh Billing, of Inyanga, Margate-road, Ramsgate.

Although he had spent many of his earlier years in South Africa and since his marriage to Miss Caroline Collias had associated himself closely with the old established businesses of the late Mr. Henry Collias at Pysons-road, Northwood and Margate-road, Ramsgate, Mr. Billing never lost his strong Scottish accent or a characteristic Scottish outlook. His passing will be regretted by many who found in him a sympathetic friend and a helpful adviser.

Mr. Billing's remains were brought to Ramsgate for interment with those of his wife in Ramsgate Cemetery.

SALARY INCREASES

Several increases of salary, to take effect from 1st April, were recommended for approval at a meeting of Margate Town Council to-day.

They included:

Mr. J. G. Tomlin Smith, assistant water engineer, from £350 to £370 a year.

Miss B. Samson, waterworks department, from £117 to £130;

Messrs. F. J. Lee, J. P. Poole, T. H. Scott and S. T. Ward, Borough Treasurer's department, from £200 to £220 by two annual increments of £10;

Mr. A. E. Setterfield, cleansing superintendent and salvage assistant in the Borough Engineer's department, from £240 to £250.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	7.25 p.m.—6.55 a.m.
Wednesday	7.27 p.m.—6.53 a.m.
Thursday	7.28 p.m.—6.51 a.m.
Friday	7.29 p.m.—6.49 a.m.
Saturday	7.31 p.m.—6.46 a.m.
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URGENTLY required, Women to serve as Restaurant Manageresses, Cooks, Counter Assistants and General and Kitchen Assistants, in Army and Air Force Canteens on work which is classified as being of national importance and is a reserved occupation, to serve in Kent, Surrey, Sussex or Hants; good wages, with free board and lodging (or, if not available, cash allowance in lieu of board and lodging), also free uniform (with the exception of shoes and stockings); applicants must be under 60 years; interviews can be arranged in all principal towns in these counties.—Apply, stating whether Mrs. or Miss, to N.A.A.F.I. (Dept. 8), 55 West-street, Reigate, Surrey. †00

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MISCELLANEOUS

RUBBER Stamps, Stencils, Inks and Pads.—Hall, Engraver, 84 High-street, Ramsgate. 14

MARGATE IN THE FINAL

Winners of the East Kent section, a Margate team will meet Tunbridge Wells, West Kent winners, on 15th March in the county final of the Civil Defence casualty services competition to decide who shall represent Kent against the rest of the south-eastern division for the trophy presented by Lord Monsell.

The successful Margate team comprises: First Aid Party—Mr. R. L. Webzell, leader, Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. F. J. Hancock, Mr. G. T. Head (all of Fairlawn First Aid Party Depot), Mr. J. J. Jones driver (Woodford House Depot).

Sitting case car driver—Mr. G. W. Jarrett (Clinic Transport Depot).

Ambulance driver—Mr. A. Pullinger (Clinic Transport Depot).

Attendant—Mrs. H. M. Phillips (Woodford House Depot).

First Aid Post—Mrs. E. Lowe (sister), Mrs. A. M. Atkins (lay superintendent), Miss E. G. Enderby, Miss N. J. Doughty, Mrs. L. G. Fuller, Mrs. N. Haynes and Mrs. P. L. Angell (nursing auxiliaries), Mr. S. Griffiths (orderly).

FARMERS' SPRING OFFENSIVE

The spring offensive on the farm is about to open.

Not only an army but a nation marches on its stomach, and it is the farmers' job to see that the quartermaster is not let down. Seed should now be in the granary or on the way. Is it the right sort? Modern science has discovered which varieties are best suited to the many types of land and to the varying degrees of soil fertility. Agricultural organisers in collaboration with experimental station staffs have lived laborious days testing one variety against another under all sorts of conditions.

When the best soils are geared to their utmost capacity, the farmer will want a variety that will stand up. When his lines are fallen in less pleasant places he will need one that abjures luxuries. The County Agricultural Organiser gives freely of advice on this subject.

A TREAT IN STORE

RAMSGATE WARSHIP WEEK EXHIBITION

The focal point of Ramsgate Warship Week, which opens on Saturday, will be the exhibition at Littlewood's, High-street.

The organisers were fortunate in securing the services of Pte. J. Bodimeade, of the Hampshire Regiment, the free lance scenic artist whose backgrounds were a feature of the War Weapons Week Exhibition.

The character of the Warship Week Exhibition is entirely different from the previous effort and the display will consist in the main of models and photographs.

Pte. Bodimeade has excelled himself and covered about 1,500 square yards of canvas with special designs which alone would make a visit to the exhibition worth while.

A feature of the exhibition will be the U.S.S.R. exhibit displaying between 300 and 400 photographs depicting life and industry in the Soviet Union. It is appropriate that our great ally should be represented at the exhibition and that for it Pte. Bodimeade should have produced a masterpiece of scenic painting. He has also produced another striking background for the exhibit entitled "Memories of Old Ramsgate." During the week it is hoped to show slides depicting the building of Ramsgate as we know it—the construction of the New-road and the Military-road 50 years ago.

In connection with the exhibition the organisers have arranged a series of cookery demonstrations which will be held each afternoon at 3.30. These will be introduced on Monday, 16th March, at 2.30 p.m. by Mr. F. H. Grisewood, of B.B.C. fame.

The Vicar of Ramsgate (Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) will give film shows daily at 2.30 and 6 p.m. Some of the latest Ministry of Information releases will be shown.

Full details of the exhibition, which should inspire Ramsgate to go all out in the effort to replace H.M.S. Thanet, will be published in our Friday edition.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. G. SUTCLIFFE

The funeral took place at Margate last week of Mr. William Greenwood Sutcliffe, F.R.C.S., medical superintendent of Margate and District General Hospital, whose death was reported in our previous issue.

Requiem Mass, followed by Absolution, was held at the Church of SS. Austin and Gregory, the service being conducted by the Rt. Rev. Abbot Adrian Taylor, O.S.B., M.C., M.A., of St. Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Bede Winslow, Dunstan Pragnell, F. A. Waterhouse, T. A. Keniry, Wilfred Emery, Cuthbert Smith and de Laubenque (Rector of St. Thomas', Canterbury).

The principal mourners were Mrs. Sutcliffe (widow), Capt. W. G. Sutcliffe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and Mrs. Sutcliffe (son and daughter-in-law), the Misses Mary and Monica Sutcliffe (daughters), Miss Marion Sutcliffe (sister), Mr. Percy Sutcliffe (cousin), Mr. John Wright and Miss K. Wright (nephew and niece), Mr. John Sayers (nephew), Sister Sakin, Mr. Anthony Freeman (old friend), Miss Mary Best, and Miss Olive Brockman (representing Mrs. Brunton).

Mr. Sutcliffe's younger son, Anthony, is serving with the South African Forces, having been wounded in Abyssinia, and his sister, Miss Jessie Sutcliffe, is in Denmark and unable to return.

At Mr. Sutcliffe's request there were no flowers, but those who sent contributions in his memory to Margate Hospital included Mrs. P. Cobb and Messrs. David and John Cobb, Dr. E. J. Bradley, Miss H. Axling, Anonymous, the Misses De Vaynes (Eastry), Miss I. Gray, Alderman C. C. C. Kenrick, Mr. T. F. Pettman, the Rev. E. B. Heberden, Mrs. M. W. Blackburn, Miss J. Follows, Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds and Kathleen, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farrell, Mrs. E. M. Ford and Mr. H. K. Treves, Miss Anne Keble, Mr. E. H. Smith, Miss Marion, Mr. Herbert Sayers and family, Mr. John Sayers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright and family, Mrs. Mercer (Broadstairs), Mr. and Miss Waterer, Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris, Miss F. Smith, Dr. A. M. Watts, Mr. and Mrs H. Shaw, Mr. S. Silver, Dr. J. C. McNaught, Margate Hospital nursing staff, Margate Hospital administrative staff, Margate Hospital domestic staff, Committee of Management and staff of the Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children, Margate, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Barrow (Birchington), Mrs. M. Venner, Capt. and Mrs. A. C. Hatfeild, Miss C. M. Best, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Levy, Miss Ida Finch, Miss Ellen Glanville, Mrs. E. B. Goddard, Ruth, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Maughan, Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Miss Helen Doig.

FUNERAL OF MR. S. H. J. RUSSELL

The esteem in which the late Mr. Shirley H. J. Russell, of Wellesley House School, Broadstairs, was held was manifested by the large congregation at the funeral service conducted at St. Peter's Church last week by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge.

The service was choral, Mr. R. J. Bowen officiating at the organ, and the hymns sung were "O strength and stay upholding all creation" and "Lead, Kindly Light."

The interment took place in the same grave as that of Mr. Russell's sister, Miss Margaret May Russell, who died in June, 1914.

Those present at the service included Councillor B. J. Pearson, Chairman, and members of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Council, Mr. E. F. Owen (Clerk), Mr. S. W. Richardson (Surveyor), Dr. A. M. Watts (Medical Officer), Mr. J. Boyce (Mr. Russell's partner), Dr. R. Riley and members of Broadstairs Chamber of Commerce, Mr. A. T. Tucker, Worshipful Master, and members of the Bradstow Lodge of Freemasons, Mr. Peter Matthews (an old boy of Wellesley House), Miss Awdry, Capt. H. V. Wynn-Werninck, Mr. C. S. J. Taylor and Mr. H. Ball.

DEATH OF LT.-COL. R. D. C. TAYLOR

The death on active service is reported of Lt.-Col. R. D. Clague Taylor, elder son of the late Mr. T. G. Taylor, for many years Ramsgate Borough Engineer, and of Mrs. Taylor, who is now residing at Swansea, where her other son is attached to the Civil Defence organisation.

An old boy of Chatham House School, Col. Taylor, aged 42 years, entered Sandhurst in 1915 and in 1918 went to India, where he was attached to the Royal Indian Army Service Corps and served on the North-West Frontier until about three years ago.

WAR SERVICE GRAVES

Temporary wooden crosses have been supplied by the War Graves Commission for 65 graves at Margate Cemetery.

Altogether there have been 68 interments in war service graves at the cemetery.

THE OPEN SKY

POST-WAR FLYING

CAPT. BALFOUR'S VISION

Speaking on the civil aviation air estimates in the House of Commons on Wednesday, Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Joint Under-Secretary of State for Air, said the recommencement after the war of civil air communications was as important as any other aspect of national and world reconstruction.

We should not start off after the war where we stopped when the war broke out, said Capt. Balfour. They would all have learned much, technically and politically, which would enable them to aim at preserving the best from the past, even though they need not be afraid of cutting away dead wood for the sake of its roots. They had all to be ready as a nation with open minds, firstly to settle a policy and then to drive it through to completion.

"Here, after all," continued Capt. Balfour, "is a great opportunity in the post-war world for many young men now engaged in warfare to have scope for their wish for adventure and achievement in helping to make the shape of the peace."

The war had not killed civil air communications, but it had forced a concentration of effort, without thought of cost, on how civil communications could best help the war effort. They were not thinking of the present or future commercial position. As transport facilities due to enemy action decreased, so they and their Allies saw the growing importance of maintaining overseas air communications.

Capt. Balfour said that in 1940 five and a half million miles were flown by the British Overseas Airways Corporation in aid of the war effort. In 1941 there was an increase and in 1942 the figure would be round about eight million miles. Tribute should be paid by the House to the captains and crews who were operating these services. They were operating week in and week out, regardless of weather, driving their aircraft along those routes, facing not only very frequent hazards but the inevitable risks of enemy interference.

"I can tell the House," said Capt. Balfour, "that there has been a toll among the personnel from enemy action. They have given their lives; they have died in the country's service, in common with those in the Royal Air Force with whom they share the air."

When they had finished the war engines would do more for the same weight, and radio and other devices would open up an era of safety for commercial flying such as they would never have conceived at the beginning of the war. There would be fine aerodromes with broad runways constructed throughout the world. What a chance for them. As to man-power, they would have masses of men skilled in aircraft production as well as pilots and air crews from the R.A.F. ready to continue their work in the air in peace-time as in war. Nations too would have watched civil air communications develop during the war and would have seen improvements in them; and, just as they had had to develope them during the war, so Governments would be bitten by the air bug for peace. They would have to think big, for the days of "back-yard" flying rights had gone and the policy of the "open sky" would have to take its place.

HALIFAX SOCIETY FIGURES

With total assets amounting to £124,922,733, the Halifax Building Society last year maintained its position as the largest in the world.

Share and deposit funds now stand at £118,209,665 and at the end of 1941 the investing shareholders' and depositors' accounts open totalled 456,694. Advances upon new mortgages during the year amounted to £1,497,955, the number of mortgage accounts open at the end of the year being 241,786.

The mortgage assets, totalling £94,394,168, with an average of £390 per account, are widely distributed over Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The liquid funds invested in trustee securities, together with cash in hand and at bank, amounted to £29,839,323, showing an increase of more than £6,000,000 over 1940.

The directors have been able to recommend the distribution of a bonus at the rate of 5s. per cent. to paid-up shareholders class 1, and to monthly investing subscription shareholders, and to carry forward £299,369.

The total of reserve funds and undivided profit now stands at £6,024,369.

Mr. N. F. Staynes, F.A.I., 16 Cavendish-street, is the Ramsgate agent of the society.

"SERGEANT YORK" AT KING'S

The story of America's greatest hero of the last war, "Sergeant York," featuring Gary Cooper in the title role, is being screened at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow. The film is claimed to be the greatest made in Hollywood for years.

From the day, more than 22 years ago, when Sergt. Alvin C. York returned from France after his heroic exploit of capturing 132 Germans almost single-handed, Producer Lasky has been endeavouring to get permission to film the story of his life. York refused to "capitalise on Uncle Sam's uniform," as he put it, until the current war crisis made him realise that he would be performing a timely, patriotic service in allowing the story to be told on the screen.

Heading the bill for the second part of the week is "International Squadron," a tensely exciting story about the "Foreign Legion" of the R.A.F. Ronald Regan, James Stephenson and Olympe Bradna head the cast. The story is that of a brilliant American stunt flier who agrees to pilot a bomber to England in order to escape from a breach of promise action. When he sees a child killed in a London air raid he enlists in the International Squadron of the R.A.F. The film is packed with thrills. "The Great Mr. Nobody," with Eddie Albert and Joan Leslie, will also be shown.

YOUNG MAN'S DEATH

Police enquiries followed the death on Wednesday of Reginald William Swan, aged 23, of 391 Margate-road, Ramsgate.

Swan, who lived with his mother, complained of feeling unwell about a month ago but a doctor had not been called in.

On the instructions of the Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) a post-mortem examination was made but as death was due to natural causes an inquest was not considered necessary.

ASSISTANCE FOR MARGATE

The sum of £6,000 received by Margate Corporation during February brought the total amount received by the town in the way of Government assistance to £156,900.

WAILINGS About RAILINGS

RAMSGATE COUNCIL PROTEST

The large number of complaints received from Ramsgate residents regarding unnecessary damage caused to dwarf walls and buttresses from which railings have been removed was one of the chief subjects to come before the Town Council at their March meeting on Thursday.

In the absence of the Mayor, the meeting was presided over by the Deputy Mayor (Alderman T. W. Mockridge).

The Works Committee reported that the Borough Engineer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, had protested most strongly to the Regional Emergency Works Officer regarding the manner in which the work of removing railings has been carried out by the Ministry of Works and Buildings Special Repair Service.

The Ministry, in reply, had stated that the ordinary private individual did not appreciate that parapet walls and bases and brick and stone piers were frequently in a bad condition and relied largely in many cases on the stability given to them by railings.

While there was a good deal to be said for the contention, the committee agreed with Mr. Brimmell, after observing recent removals, that unnecessary damage had been caused and that it could have been avoided if the methods of removal initially suggested by the Ministry had been adopted.

The committee emphasised that the Council were not in any way responsible for the work of removing the railings or the manner in which the work has been carried out, their sole responsibility being confined to the preparation of schedules of available railings, undertaken at the direction of the Minister of Supply.

Councillor P. Turner said the Council were disgusted with the manner in which the railings had been removed. The men came with one tool and only one tool—a heavy hammer. Unfortunately the Borough Engineer had been blamed for what had taken place, whereas it was nothing to do with him.

47 Fire Guard Posts.

A detailed report upon the organisation and working of the street fire guard system submitted by the Fire Guard Staff Officer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) stated that 47 posts established to cover the whole town had been divided into four groups, for each of which a senior fire guard was responsible. With Mr. G. E. Baker as Assistant Staff Officer and Mr. A. H. Cashmore as head fire guard, the senior fire guards are Messrs. W. Nash, A. C. E. Fitchew, A. W. Sears and A. Turner. To each post had been allocated 24 or more fire guards from volunteer street parties and those compulsorily enrolled, regular inspections being carried out by the senior fire guards to check the attendances, and each post will now be linked to a wardens' post, the wardens on duty to visit the fire-watching posts at regular intervals each night. Arrangements have been made to pay subsistence allowance to fire guards at four-weekly intervals, and two charwomen have been engaged to clean the fire-watching posts.

The report also stated that in some cases it had been found fire guards were not attending in accordance with the regulations regarding hours of duty but that at the majority of posts the attendance was satisfactory.

The Fire Guard Committee resolved to exhibit notices at the posts calling attention to the fact that failure to comply with the attendance regulations rendered fire guards liable to prosecution and authorised the Town Clerk to issue letters of warning in all cases where it was known that fire guards had failed to attend in accordance with the rota.

Councillor H. Farmer said he did not consider it should be the job of the wardens to visit the fire guard posts. They had seven officers, including five head fire guards, and he wanted to know what their duties were. It looked as though the Civil Defence authorities were going to act as a kind of Gestapo over the fire guards.

Was the Fire Guard Officer satisfied that people were doing their job, asked Councillor Farmer. It appeared that certain people had "got away with it," and he wanted to know who was responsible for giving exemptions.

Alderman A. E. Petley said there had no doubt been a lot of shirkers but efforts were now being made to tighten up the organisation.

Councillor F. C. Miller said it was most discourteous for the job to be put on the wardens without the Civil Defence Committee being consulted.

The Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) said the fire guard organisation was definitely made part of the wardens' organisation. It was part of the wardens' organisation and it was because of that that it was proposed that the wardens should do what the Government said they should do.

Councillor A. R. Young opposed the suggestion that the matter should be referred back to Council in committee for further consideration. They were falling more and more into that practise because someone was afraid to air his views in public.

The Council decided, however, to refer the matter back for further consideration.

Dance Catering Payments.

A detailed report submitted by the Sands and Entertainments Committee to regularise the war-time letting terms of the West Cliff Theatre for different purposes authorised the Manager to continue to arrange for a licensee to obtain an occasional liquor license for late-night dances, subject to payment by the licensee concerned of £2 2s. for each occasion, commencing from 26th December, 1941. Similarly the caterer for non-alcoholic refreshments at the ordinary dances is to retain the privilege, subject to the payment each time of 7s. 6d. as from 7th October, 1940.

Mobile Canteen Complaints.

After carefully investigating complaints the Civil Defence Committee were assured that while it was true there was an occasion some weeks ago when the larger mobile canteen was unsuitable for immediate service, arrangements were at once made to prevent a repetition of such an occurrence and that the vehicle has since remained available for immediate operation.

Regarding the smaller canteen, the committee felt there was some justification for the complaint regarding its condition when required for use in an emergency on 8th February and authorised the Medical Officer of Health to obtain an independent report upon the serviceability of the vehicle and, if necessary, to purchase a new battery.

Arrangements are being made for the Transport Officer, who is responsible for the condition of the canteens, to drive the larger vehicle, when required, as part of his duties.

"The committee," added the report, "have asked the appropriate officers to ensure that the mobile canteens are maintained in an efficient condition in future."

Economising in Petrol.

A monthly report regarding the quantity of petrol used by individual A.R.P. vehicles is to be submitted to the Civil Defence Committee by the Sub-Controller, and after studying the log sheets relating to the Casualty Service vehicles the committee asked that every effort should be made to ensure that their petrol consumption is kept at an absolute minimum.

An amendment moved by Councillor J. B. Butler that the report should also be submitted to the Council was adopted. Too much petrol was being used, said Councillor Butler.

Councillor J. Martin said Councillor Butler would be surprised if he knew the small amount of petrol used in the Civil Defence services. The committee were very much aware of the necessity for saving petrol and were watching the position very closely indeed. The figures already placed before them showed that each of the vehicles was using an average of 12 gallons a month. Most of that amount had been used because of the weather in warming up vehicles and not in mileage.

Alderman A. E. Petley pointed out that they had no control over the N.F.S. but the Divisional Officer had assured the Watch Committee that he would do everything in his power to stop any wastage of petrol.

Fire Brigade Contact.

The Watch Committee expressed appreciation of a comprehensive and helpful report given by Mr. L. G. Denne, "D" Divisional Officer, N.F.S., with a view to maintaining close contact between the local authorities and the N.F.S. Further consultations will take place periodically.

As the N.F.S. require the accommodation, the committee requested the Town Clerk to determine Mr. S. W. Hills' tenancy of the ground floor of No. 18 Effingham-street from 24th June.

Supplementary Allowances.

Supplementary and war duty allowances are to be granted to members of the First Police Reserve as from 1st January and boot allowances to them as well as whole-time special constables and the women's auxiliary corps are to be increased from 1s. to 1s. 6d. a week as from 1st December, 1941.

Reading by Daylight.

To save electric light, the Library Committee have asked the Borough Surveyor to replace the windows and necessary black-out in the Public Library.

Worn-Out Freighters.

As it is now impossible to carry on the ordinary services of the Works Department, even under existing conditions, without additional mechanical transport, the purchase of new freighters for refuse disposal having been postponed since shortly before the outbreak of war, the Finance Committee authorised the Works Committee to purchase two new or reconditioned lorries but asked that the proposal to purchase a horse should be given further consideration.

AIRCRAFTMAN SENT FOR TRIAL

"I stole the stuff but I did not know it was looting," said Ldg. Acm. Frederick Reuben Float, R.A.F., aged 26, when charged at Margate on Wednesday with storebreaking, stealing and looting.

It was alleged that he stole linen, cutlery and bedding to the value of £24 3s. 5d. stored at Grosvenor House, Gloucester-avenue, Cliftonville, which was purchased in May, 1940, by Mr. William Johnston, a civil defence worker, of Whitehall-court, London, but never occupied by him.

Part of the stolen property was stated to have been recovered from accused's home in London.

Float was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court, London, and an application for bail was refused.

BIGAMIST BOUND OVER

A former Ramsgate man, Gnr. James R. Twyman, aged 36, pleaded guilty at the Kent Assizes to bigamously marrying Susan E. Shingleton at Dover on 3rd September.

Miss E. Dix, defending, said Twyman became estranged from his wife, who was associating with someone else. He was most anxious to marry Miss Shingleton and was willing to make her a payment of 10s. a week out of the 12s. a week he received after the marriage allowance deduction.

Twyman, who had been in custody since 29th January, was bound over for 12 months on condition that he made the contribution of 10s. a week to Miss Shingleton.

ISLE OF THANET BUILDING SOCIETY

NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

THE Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1941, relates to a period during which payments by borrowers were lower than in a normal year, due solely to War conditions. The Society's monthly income was, however, steady, and showed a tendency to rise towards the end of the year. The withdrawal of Share Capital, whilst necessarily controlled, was arranged to a limited extent.

In respect of most mortgages held by the Society, borrowers are entitled to be partially indemnified against contributions payable by them under the War Damage Act, 1941. The total cost to the Society of indemnities relating to the first instalment of contributions due 1st July, 1941, is estimated at £6,500, and this new liability has been provided for in the accounts. The cost of contributions to future instalments will be charged in the accounts in the years such instalments become due.

Share Interest Rate. The Board has decided to distribute interest to Shareholders at the rate of 2½% calculated on monthly balances held during the year 1941 (the same rate as for 1940), amounting to £54,939 2s. 1d. The tax on this interest will be borne by the Society as usual. The amount of profit available for distribution to Shareholders is substantially affected by increased Taxation, premiums and indemnities under the War Damage Act, 1941, and the amount of mortgage interest which, whilst charged, remained unpaid at the end of the year, and has been reserved.

Profit and Loss Account and Appropriations. Expenses of management were further reduced in 1941, and were 8/8 per £100 of total assets. Interest paid on Deposits and Loans was less in 1941, due chiefly to the reduced rate allowed to Depositors and to the smaller Bank Loan; but National Taxation required £31,155 compared with £22,408 in 1940. After making all payments due and crediting interest to Depositors, appropriations have been made as follows:—

Profit for year to 31st December, 1941		£63,094 10 11
ADD balance brought forward from last year		5,777 5 4
		£68,871 16 3
DEDUCT interest distributed to Shareholders ...	£54,939 2 1	
Appropriation to War Damage Contributions Account	6,500 0 0	
Appropriation to Reserve for Income Tax and Other Expenses Account ...	1,500 0 0	
		62,939 2 1
Balance of Unappropriated Profit carried forward to next year		£5,932 14 2

Investments in Trustee Securities. The repayment by the British Government of £5,000 India Stock, and the sale at a favourable price of £5,000 Victoria Stock, caused the reduction in the total holding of Trustee Securities. The present holding had a Market Value at 31st December, 1941, of £3,862 in excess of Book value.

Directors. The Society suffered a very great loss by the death of Mr. John Godden, J.P., at Canterbury, on September 7th, 1941. Mr. Godden had been a Director for over 10 years, and had rendered conspicuous service in the development of business in Canterbury and district. The death of Mr. Godden created no vacancy on the Board. Directors retiring by rotation in 1942 are Messrs. J. Bayly, F. E. J. Darby and T. B. White, who are eligible, and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors. Subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting, the Directors have re-appointed Messrs. R. H. Marsh and Co., Chartered Accountants, as Auditors.

Staff. Nine members of the Staff are now serving in the Armed Forces, and the absence of these experienced people is keenly felt. The War has brought administrative difficulties to the Society, which, however, have been cheerfully faced by the rest of the permanent staff and by those who have been temporarily engaged.

Conclusion. The Directors desire to thank the Members for their co-operation in the year 1941, and to express complete confidence in the well-being of the Society. The War Damage Act, 1941, has provided an insurance against War risks for the property of borrowing Members, and has consequently protected the mortgage assets of the Society. The Board welcomes this important piece of legislation which fortifies the security of investors in Building Societies.

By order of the Board,
WILLIAM W. WETHERILL,
Secretary.

Ramsgate.
1st March, 1942.

SACRIFICE FOR FREEDOM

MAINTAINING THE STRUGGLE

By JOAN SUTHERLAND

Facing a third year of world war, it is essential that the mind's belief in the cause of the Allies should strengthen alongside the body's effort, for there is no room for compromise when Christianity and civilisation are faced with barbaric paganism. A man does not compromise with the would-be murderer of his wife or child, and we cannot be half-hearted in our faith for the cause in which we fight.

There are still a few people who sincerely believe that all war is a negation of Christian teaching; I myself received on 24th December a pamphlet to this effect enclosed with a Christmas card, a pamphlet begging the Allies in the name of Christ to stop the slaughter and agony of war. But we are not fighting for gain or for territory and it is precisely to stop the slaughter and agony for future generations that we must endure such burdens in the present. Freedom of faith, of life, of speech, religion, the very tenets of its faith are based on the fight with the powers of Evil. Very real powers as we are beginning to find out. Christianity is not the gentle, peaceful thing fit only for children and elderly ladies that some people have tried to make out. It is a religion for the strong and the courageous, it is one long fight from childhood to death, it is superb adventure, it leads into dark places and through great dangers and its reward is beyond imagination and beyond price. And for such a religion we, Christian peoples, are fighting and must continue to fight till our cause triumphs beyond all doubt.

Those men of India, of China, of other countries and other faiths than Christianity, are none the less fighting for right and freedom, and we honour and welcome them, but this war between the Axis powers, and Britain and America is very much a war of Christian against pagan, and its weight must rest chiefly on our shoulders.

The Justice of our Cause.

Therefore we must in this third year of struggle be absolutely certain of the justice of our cause, and of our final victory, and we must refuse to entertain doubt just as we must refuse to slacken our physical efforts. True freedom is worth any sacrifice since it cannot demand an unworthy course of action being in itself good. And very often the wrong mental attitude of people once voiced does as much harm to the war effort as physical laziness, because the influence of the spoken word is very far reaching, and physical slackening must have its beginning in wrong thought and wrong speech. As a nation we must always fight a tendency towards complacency, towards the comfortable feeling that things might be worse and so why worry too much, and that the responsibility is on the shoulders of the Government and it is therefore up to them to see we win the war. Of course the responsibility rests on them, but it rests on every one of us just as much if in a different way. We are a free people; we pride ourselves on our liberty of worship, speech and—to a reasonable extent—action. Therefore it is all the more our concern, each and all of us, to do our best, to extend our powers of work and sacrifice and belief, to the uttermost.

The Free Man's Choice.

It is all very well for slaves to do as little as they dare, to hold what opinions they choose. It is not for free men.

Free men are proud to accept voluntarily both discipline and hardship. Free men are glad to assume responsibility and carry burdens, if by such acceptance and such willing sacrifice of personal liberty the freedom of the world can be assured to future generations.

There is not one normal human being who cannot contribute to victory, even though war work as such cannot, for one reason or another, be undertaken; there is not one normal human being who, honest with him or herself, cannot do something, either by deed, word, of influence, towards winning this war. It is the duty of all of us to find out just what we can do, and if we are doing it, and then, and not till then, shall we deserve the victory for which our soldiers and sailors and airmen are laying down their lives.

NO OPPOSITION

SIX LICENSES GRANTED AT RAMSGATE

Six justices' licenses, in respect of premises which are closed as a result of the war, were granted at the adjourned annual licensing sessions at Ramsgate on Friday.

Col. E. E. Ogier presided over the bench.

The applicants were Mr. Stanley John Cox, in respect of Ramsgate Airport Restaurant and Club House, Mr. Cecil Barclay Jones in respect of the Coronation Hall, Merrie England, Mr. Denis Franklin Warren in respect of Merrie England Restaurant and the Sun Ray Lounge, Mr. William Edward Frank Balcombe in respect of the Ocean Cafe, Granville Marina, Mr. Thomas Wotton, in respect of Truro Court Hotel, and Mrs. Elsie Florence Robson, in respect of Sanclu Hotel.

All licenses were granted on similar terms to those already existing, for a period of two-and-a-quarter years, and in each case the monopoly value had been agreed with the Excise authorities at £10.

There was no opposition to any of the applications.

The chairman announced that the confirming meeting would be held on 30th March.

S.R. AMBULANCEMEN

The report of the Divisional Secretary (Mr. E. Carrett), presented at the annual meeting of the Ramsgate (S.R.) Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade on Tuesday, stated that the membership of the division was 39, an increase of two on the previous year. Twenty-seven members passed the annual re-examination.

The report stated that four of the members, Ptes. Dunk, Longley, Fletcher and Gray, were serving with H.M. Forces and six members were away from the town on war work.

During the year 250 cases of first-aid were reported and 39 drills and practises were held.

The report paid tribute to the help given by Dr. A. N. Gordon and Dr. D. P. Crawford.

Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn, who thought the report an excellent one, said she was proud to be president of such a fine body of men.

Corps Officer Sinden, who expressed thanks to the president, also presented a satisfactory financial report.

Dr. Gordon (who has accepted the position of divisional surgeon during the absence of Dr. Archibald) and Dr. Crawford both expressed their willingness to assist the first-aid movement at any time.

Pte. Webzell, who has completed 15 years' active and efficient service in the brigade, was presented with the long service medal, and Pte. Privett was presented with a bar to his medal on completion of 20 years' service.

STAR FILMS AT ODEON

Henry Fonda, as the two-fisted lumberjack with a love for the outdoors, gives the finest performance of his career in "Wild Geese Calling," chief feature at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-night and to-morrow. All the action, drama and romance of this fine story of the great North West, which was awarded the gold medal of the Commonwealth Club of California as the outstanding novel written by a resident of the state in 1940, has been retained in the film. The interesting story of wandering John Murdock, played by Fonda, who meets and falls in love with Sally (Joan Bennett), has been faithfully followed. The programme also includes "We Go Fast," with Lynn Bari and Alan Curtis.

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Wednesday	—	Whist Drive, Clarendon House, commencing at 2.45 p.m. Tickets 1/- each. Inter-Services Football Match, Chatham House Grounds, commencing at 2.45 p.m. Boxing Tournament at West Cliff Concert Hall. Referee: Mr. P. Bevan, Maidstone and Hampshire Referee. Hampshires v. Middlesex. 15 Matches. Tickets 3/-, 2/- and 1/-. M. of I. Films Daily at Exhibition, 2.30 and 6 p.m.
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MINSTER.

Black-Out Offence.—At Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday, Mrs. Dora Emily Smith, of Edgar-road, Minster, was fined 5s. for permitting a light to show at her house on the evening of 23rd January. Defendant said she was away from the house from 4.30 until 9 p.m. and could not account for the light.

Abusive Airman.—An allegation that he was approached by two men in plain clothes who produced handcuffs and threatened to "take him to gaol" was made at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday by Norman Cecil Pettit, an airman, who was fined 5s. for committing a nuisance in Vicarage-lane, Minster, on 31st December. P/C Thompson said when he spoke to Pettit he at first refused to give his name and address and became very abusive.

Mr. Robert Rolfe.—The Vicar of Minster (Rev. A. W. MacMichael) conducted the service at the funeral at Minster Cemetery on Wednesday of Mr. Robert Rolfe, who passed away at his home, 1 Angola Cottages, Freeman's-road, Minster, at the age of 75 years. Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe celebrated their golden wedding anniversary five years ago. The mourners at the funeral were the widow, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Rolfe (son and daughter-in-law).

Full-Time Education.—At a meeting of Minster Paish Council on Tuesday it was decided that the school managers should communicate with the Kent Education Committee with a view to adequate air raid shelter protection being provided so that full-time education can be resumed. The date of the annual parish meeting was fixed for 24th March. It was reported that Minster now has a Civil Defence rescue party consisting of three full-time and seven part-time members.

Funeral of Mrs. Friend.—The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on 28th February of Mrs. M. Friend, formerly of St. Denys, Freeman's-road, Minster, who passed away at Campden, Gloucestershire, at the age of 76 years. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. W. MacMichael) and the mourners were Mr. E. Friend (widower), Mr. and Mrs. E. Lucas (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. P. Friend (sister-in-law), Mr. J. Fernor (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barnes, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Claringbold.

Wedding.—The marriage took place at Minster Parish Church on 28th February of Miss Joyce Edith Harlow, formerly of Laundry-road, to Pte. Edward Parker, R.A.S.C., of Hull. The Vicar (Rev. A. W. MacMichael) officiated and Mr. S. Harlow, brother of the bride, was best man. The bridesmaids were Miss G. Harlow (sister) and Miss I. Hollands (cousin of the bride). Given away by her uncle, Mr. A. Harlow, the bride wore a white satin gown with train and veil, and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Overdrawn.—The net balance overdrawn at the bank was reported at the March meeting of Ramsgate Town Council to be £100,687 19s. 8d.

Month's Births and Deaths.—In January the births were registered at Ramsgate of three boys and four girls. The deaths numbered 28—15 males and 13 females.

The Genuine Thing.—Three samples of milk and one each of cornflour, cornflour alternative and orange wine taken for analysis by Ramsgate Sanitary Inspector have all been reported genuine.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices, Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Staff Shortage.—Owing to the difficulty of obtaining competent staff, Ramsgate Borough Treasurer (Mr. H. Oliver Jones) has been authorised to make such temporary appointments as he may consider necessary.

W.V.S. Whist.—In support of Warship Week, Ramsgate W.V.S. are holding a progressive whist drive at St. George's Church Hall on Thursday at 3 p.m.—tickets 1s. There will be a "Bring and Buy" stall.

For the Babies.—A report presented by Dr. J. V. Walker to Ramsgate Public Health Committee shows that between 80 and 90 per cent. of the children under two years of age in the borough are receiving fruit juices and/or cod liver oil.

National Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 28th February amounted to £2,038. The sum was made up of £739 in Savings Certificates, £5 in Defence Bonds and an increase of £1,294 due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank.

Paid Up.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday dismissed the summons against George Albert Scott, of Bloomsbury-road, Ramsgate, for arrears under a maintenance order in favour of his wife, Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Scott. The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) stated that the arrears had been cleared.

Wife Takes Husband's Place.—During the absence owing to illness of Mr. A. N. Padbury, his duties at the High-street Showrooms of Ramsgate Gas and Water Department have been taken over by his wife and it has been reported to the Council that "the arrangement is working very satisfactorily."

Paper Salvage.—Ramsgate Council's arrangement with the local Council of Social Service for the collection and disposal of waste paper is to be continued. The Corporation have decided to take no action regarding the enlistment of salvage stewards, owing to the difficulty of carrying out such a scheme under present conditions.

Department's One Van.—As the only transport available in the Ramsgate parks department, a light delivery van, is quite inadequate for the anticipated needs of the department in connection with food production, efforts are being made to secure the release from the Civil Defence service of a 30-cwt. commercial lorry or, alternatively, to arrange for the provision of a substitute vehicle.

Electricity.—A letter from Mr. J. C. Dalton, manager and secretary of Ramsgate and District Electric Supply Co., explaining the circumstances in which the charge for electricity was varied without prior consultation with the Electricity Sub-Committee has been referred by the Finance Committee of Ramsgate Council to the Electricity Sub-Committee "for consideration and report."

Death of Mrs. E. C. Phenix.—We regret to record the death of Mrs. E. C. Phenix, late of 7 Vale-road, Ramsgate, who passed away on Tuesday after an illness of seven weeks in hospital at Romford. Mrs. Phenix was well-known in Ramsgate where she had spent all her life up to two years ago. The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Saturday, following a service held at Christ Church.

Club Extensions.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday granted the following license extensions: Oddfellows' Club—16th March until 10.45 p.m. for a dance, 20th March until 10.45 for a snooker match, and 21st March until 10.45 for a social, all in connection with Warship Week; Working Men's Club and Institute—17th March until 11 p.m. for concert in connection with the War-time Darts League, 21st March until 11 p.m. for a concert and dance in aid of Ramsgate General Hospital.

Police Tie With Navy.—Ramsgate Police tied with the Royal Navy in a shooting match on Tuesday, each side registering 204 points. Police—D/C Oram 15 and 16, S/C Luckett 15 and 16, P/C Shanahan 10 and 14, W/R Marshall 0 and 16, P/C Housden 0 and 12, S/C Page 15 and 16, S/C Fearn 10 and 15, P/S Jenner 15 and 19. Royal Navy—A/B Darran 15 and 16, Mr. Roberts 15 and 11, A/B Harmer 15 and 19, A/B Tilbee 0 and 13, A/B Price 10 and 17, A/B Chapman 15 and 20, A/B Telkeld 0 and 6, P/O Gray 15 and 17.

MARGATE

House Painting.—Margate Council propose to invite tenders for the external painting of 286 Council houses that have not received treatment since 1936 and 1937.

Long Service.—After 21 years' service in the parks department of Margate Corporation, Mr. J. W. Newing is retiring on 30th March on reaching the age of 65 years.

Reservations.—Margate Council have resolved to adhere to the reservations decided upon by them before they join the Southern Home Counties Provincial Council for Administrative and Clerical Services.

Allotments.—Arrears of rents amounting to £5 11s. have been written off by Margate Council Allotments Committee. A sum of £24 has been allowed for the provision of new standposts at the Crow-hill allotments.

Wast Paper Contract.—The Health Committee of Margate Council propose to renew for a period of five years their existing contract for the purchase of salvaged waste paper which would expire on 31st March.

Engagement.—The engagement is announced of Dr. Peter Moor Vicary, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vicary, of 49 Cornwall-gardens, Margate, to Miss Patricia Betty Shaw, only child of the late Mr. F. A. Shaw and Mrs. Shaw, of Leatherhead.

Brighter Prospect.—A brighter outlook will soon greet Margate ratepayers visiting the Borough Treasurer's office and the rates office at 45 and 68 Grosvenor-place as the Works Committee of the Council have accepted a tender of £35 10s. for their external re-decoration.

More Reading.—In the four months ending 31st January, 66,677 books were issued from the lending departments of Margate Public Library compared with 45,394 a year ago. The closing hour of the libraries has been extended to 6 p.m. until 30th September.

Accountancy Examination.—Mr. W. W. Ayling, accountancy assistant in the Margate Borough Treasurer's department, has passed the intermediate examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, and is to be granted an additional increment of £10 as from 1st April.

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE PARKS

Having considered the possible difficulty after the war of obtaining plant and equipment necessary for the post-war reinstatement of the parks and pleasure grounds, Margate Parks Committee to-day asked the Council to authorise the Parks Superintendent, in consultation with the chairman, Councillor F. J. Cornford, to obtain "any necessary plant which may be offered for sale at reasonable prices."

TOUGH BUT CHEERFUL

BROADSTAIRS WARSHIP WEEK LAUNCHED

CAPT. BALFOUR CALLS FOR GUTS NOT GLOOM

Thanet's task of replacing H.M.S. Thanet, sunk by enemy action, began with the opening of Broadstairs Warship Week on Saturday.

Broadstairs "target" was £62,000. During the opening ceremony at the Picture House, Councillor B. J. Pearson, Chairman of the Council, announced that the amount subscribed up to that time was £31,000.

"But the second half is going to be much more difficult," warned Councillor Pearson, emphasising the particular need for small subscribers with only a few pounds investing their money during the Week. He called for a "total" saving effort in order that we might wage "total" war.

The Week was opened by Capt. H. H. Balfour, P.C., M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Joint Under-Secretary of State for Air, and he was supported on the platform by representatives of the three fighting services and by the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare), the Deputy Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman T. W. Mockridge), and Mr. F. W. Ward, hon. secretary to the Broadstairs Savings Committee.

Introducing Capt. Balfour, Councillor Pearson said he heartily agreed with a statement made by him recently that we are not only fighting this war to retain our freedom, which we hold dear, but are fighting for our very existence. We were fighting a ruthless enemy and we should fight him ruthlessly.

When the Organising Committee for Warship Week first met they decided their target should be £62,000 for a trawler-minesweeper. Since then H.M.S. Thanet had been lost—a destroyer which had a close association with Thanet—so the three towns decided to put aside their individual objectives and go all out together to replace the destroyer.

Hitting the Sky.

Congratulating the organisers of the Week, Capt. Balfour said it was the outward manifestation of a spirit which was running throughout the length and breadth of the country that nothing was going to get us down and that we were going to lick the enemy in the end.

I am sure that Broadstairs is not only going to hit the target but is going to hit the sky, declared Capt. Balfour. I congratulate Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate on their initiative and co-operation in combining for this grand purpose of replacing H.M.S. Thanet. May the effort be successful and the vessel which eventually replaces our loss be one of the units which will sail the seas as part of a victorious fleet.

He was glad, continued Capt. Balfour, that as one of the Ministers responsible to Parliament for the Royal Air Force, he could pay tribute to the splendid work of the men of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Service. We could not be here without them. Our R.A.F. could not function without their co-operation and help, particularly in bringing petrol and other supplies to this country.

Exaggerated Talk.

Equally, without the R.A.F., the Royal Navy could not perform its tasks. They heard much talk of lack of co-operation between the services. It was exaggerated. There was close co-operation. It was his wish that it should be even closer and as far as the Air Ministry were concerned they would enthusiastically support the necessary measures. Never was there such a need for close co-operation between the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. The raid on Le Havre the previous week was a grand piece of staff organisation and co-operation. This type of operation would be extended and it was a bad lookout for the enemy in the long run.

It was necesasry that we should have different services. It was not necessary that they should work apart; and, indeed, we should only succeed against well-equipped, powerful and well-directed enemies if we could beat them in the efficiency of our own direction of war.

It was true inter-service co-operation kept the Gneisenau, Scharnhorst and Prince Eugen in Brest for nearly a year. The Admiralty asked them to keep these ships in harbour. The Royal Air Force did the job. If they looked at history they would see that in 1803 the British Fleet blockaded the French Fleet in Brest. The French slipped out, were chased to the West Indies and back, and it finished with Trafalgar.

Think in terms of naval vessels, great and small, the number which it would have taken to keep three capital ships locked up for a year. Think of the naval losses that would have been entailed. A proportion of our bomber force did the job. That was his justification for the bombing of Brest. That the ships were repaired and finally escaped was another story. It was a fact that we did confine them to their port during some of the most vital months of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Three Good Reasons.

We were going through bad times, continued Capt. Balfour. The toll of reverses was not yet over. He could see hard knocks ahead but it was no use taking a short-term view of the war. For three reasons we were much better off than we were 18 months previously. Jeremiahs were then saying that we could not hold Egypt, that the Nile Valley had gone, that Cairo was finished. Egypt was still ours and there was every reason why it should remain so. Russia was to-day fighting a gallant and terrific battle against Germany and was inflicting severe casualties both material and moral.

Russia, said Capt. Balfour, had been a surprise to everyone. If we were mistaken about Russia's strength, as were other countries, there was some excuse for us, and it was that Hitler made it himself and was suffering because of it. Russia's great effort was an asset they did not have 18 months ago.

The third great advantage which he saw was that America was now in the war with us. She was "all in" in a manner which, with her past divisions of thought, would have seemed scarcely credible a few months ago.

He remembered over a year ago, Mr. Harry Hopkins saying to him that whatever the prospects at that time of America joining us against the Axis, there was one thing which would bring her in overnight—attack by Japan.

Bombing Offensive.

At the moment we could not take the offensive as we wished, except in one direction. That was our bomber offensive over Germany. They had heard criticism of our bombing policy. The Air Ministry never said that the war could be won by bombing alone. But what they did say was that we cannot win without a big bomber offensive against Germany. We had had the worst weather for 15 years. As the weather improved we should renew our bomber offensive. In due course, as the momentum of the flow of munitions in this country and the U.S.A. increases, so we should be able to build up and take the offensive. They would strike at the heart of Germany and at the heart of Japan.

It is when times are bad, said Capt. Balfour, that we need "guts." It is easy to be confident when things go smoothly; but it is in dark days that the spirit of endurance and determination is called forth from our people. But we need not let reverses "get us down"—cause us to lapse in a moping "miserable sinners" frame of mind. Distress and long faces need not necessarily go together. Though this is "total war" it need not be "total gloom." From the way some people go about you would think that to laugh in these days is rather like brawling in church.

The Government have said that amusements, relaxation and personal conduct of our lives must rightly be confined rigidly to limits whereby our war supplies are not wasted or our war effort harmed. Extravagance and display must be cut out. Needless spending must be stopped. There are, however, quite a lot of cranks with the "kill-joy" mentality, who are taking advantage of this declaration to read into it something which is not meant. It does not mean no fun for anybody. If our young men fly hard, then let them have a party and be cheerful. If someone works 55 or 60 hours a week, let them go to the cinema or to such races as may be allowed, or dance the evening through with their best girl or their boy friend.

Tough But Cheerful.

"Tough but cheerful" should be the motto for to-day, for harmless, natural, and needed fun won't hurt our war effort half so much as the depressing efforts of those who want to spread a drab greyness over everybody and everything. "Colonel Blimp" and his "blimpery" were recently given a funeral oration in the House of Commons and no one mourns him. But let us be equally firm in kicking out of our way those long-haired experts, who say that to smile is wicked, and who would breathe an aroma of jaundiced prejudice over everything that does not fit into their particular picture of regimented, colourless national life.

There is yet another lot of experts we have got to be careful of. These are they who have an over-developed planning mentality. Our first and main job is to win the war. If we argue and dream too much about the "brave new world" of the future, we can only divert our energies from vital needs of the immediate present. The Prime Minister has set aside a section of the Government to do this work, so that the rest of us can concentrate on getting on with the war job.

You cannot afford to pick buttercups when a brigand is clutching at your throat. What you have got to do is to sock him on the jaw. If you start thinking of the beautiful bunches of buttercups which you hope soon you will be able to pick, you may forget to sock him as hard as you are able, and just in the right spot.

Capt. Balfour's final message was: Be of stout heart. Be more determined than ever. Be critical, certainly, but of oneself first of all. Get on with the job, and each do our best to see that everyone else does.

Proposing a vote of thanks to Capt. Balfour, Councillor Pearson said that once in the ancient town of Bradstow ships were built. That tradition should provide a greater incentive to their effort in Warship Week. If they were going to win the war nothing but total effort in self-sacrifice and saving would be sufficient.

Every Little Helps.

He had heard it said that a person had only two or three pounds and it would not help much towards the £62,000. If they could only contribute one Savings Certificate or a number of rivets for H.M.S. Thanet they would have done their duty. In the past few days he had received two sums to be invested during the week. One was 20 shillings from an elderly lady who had evacuated temporarily. The other was £5,000 from a man who still had great respect and admiration for the town of Broadstairs. He believed that each was "total effort," and as such was equally to be admired.

Councillor Pearson expressed his appreciation of the energy and ability of Mr. Ward, Mr. Beak, Mr. Jeffrey and the wardens who organised the exhibition, and Wardens Hodgkin and Woodward who made the fine model of H.M.S. Thanet in three weeks.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Capt. Howard, D.S.O., R.N., who said the Navy could have no finer gift than a destroyer, which was a "maid of all work."

The opening ceremony was preceded by a procession from St. Peter's. Headed by a regimental band, it comprised contingents from the police, Royal Navy, W.R.N.S., the Army, British Legion and Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association, wardens, National Fire Service and Civil Defence Services.

THE EXHIBITION

Broadstairs must possess an unusual number of people with a secret passion for model-building, for the Exhibition in the Gymnasium at Pierremont Hall—the responsibility of the wardens—contains numerous fine model ships.

For example, Alderman E. S. Oak-Rhind, C.C., has two excellent exhibits—a six-foot model of the Queen Elizabeth and a smaller but equally excellent model of the Marlborough. In more romantic mood, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, versatile priest from Reading Street, is represented by delightful models of The Golden Hind and Nelson's Victory.

A Norwegian by birth, Mr. Miller, of Pierremont-avenue, displays four excellent models of ships—three sail and one steam—in all of which he sailed in his younger seafaring days.

The piece de resistance, however, is the work of 14-year-old Keith Smith, of St. Mildred's-road. Virtually having the use of only one hand—both hands were badly burned in an accident some years ago—he displays four really first-class models of Nelson, Exeter, Warspite and Ark Royal. All the models are perfectly constructed and beautifully finished. When the deck of the Ark Royal is removed the aircraft can be seen in the holds beneath.

A section of the Exhibition is devoted to the competition in which schoolboys were asked to make models of a trawler-minesweeper and girls to draw or paint one.

Other exhibits include a German life-saving raft, a huge German seamine and parachute and an "Orlikon" gun.

The entries in the model and drawing competition were judged by Councillor B. J. Pearson, who awarded prizes as follows: Boys—1, Geoffrey Clements; 2, Derek Sampson; 3, Keith Smith. Girls—1, Mary Silk; 2, Vera Couzens.

HOW H.M.S. THANET WAS LOST

Capt. H. H. Balfour gave the following description of the loss of H.M.S. Thanet in opening Broadstairs Warship Week:

Under Cmdr. B. H. Davies, H.M.S. Thanet joined the China Station in June, 1938, and formed part of the local Singapore Defence Force under the Naval Officer in Command, Malaya, with duties of convoy escort and defence of the Singapore area.

On the night of 27th January, H.M.S. Thanet, in company with the Vampire, operating off Endau, which is on the east coast of the Malayan Peninsula, encountered a superior force. This consisted of a Japanese cruiser and three destroyers; but, of course, our ships at once engaged the enemy, who subsequently retired. There was a running fight, and one enemy destroyer was sunk and another damaged.

Sad to say, in this action H.M.S. Thanet was herself sunk. The Vampire received no casualties or damage and did her best—but unsuccessfully—to locate and pick up survivors of the Thanet. These are thought, and are expected, to have reached the coast south of the Endau River, which was already in enemy hands. We hope that many of the ship's company have thus been saved. I am glad to say that from a signal which the Admiralty received at the beginning of February, 25 survivors, in addition to those who may have reached the shore, were picked up or have found their way back to British territory.

H.M.S. Thanet acted, fought, and was lost in the best traditions of the Royal Navy. I know you would wish to send a message of hope to relatives of the men still in anxiety.

SUREST ROAD TO VICTORY

Telegrams from Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, were received at the opening of Broadstairs Warship Week.

The message from the First Lord was as follows:

I send you my best wishes for the success of your Warship Week. The money you lend means to the Admiralty ships, and aircraft, and guns, and torpedoes; and mines, and we need all we can get. The extension of the war to the Pacific has put a tremendous additional strain on the Royal Navy. Our sailors are standing up to it magnificently. I am sure you will see to it that funds are not lacking to supply their need. Whatever amount you first thought of, please double or treble it. That will be the surest road to victory.

Sir Kingsley Wood's message read:

I send you good wishes for Broadstairs and St. Peter's Warship Week. At no time has it been more vital that we should continue to stand four-square behind our fighting men. Let this Week's result reflect your determination to play your part.

DEFENDANT DREW EXPENSES

A defendant at Margate police court on Wednesday drew £1 expenses.

He was David Mitchell, of Grosvenor-crescent, Hyde Park Corner, London, and he was summoned for permitting a light to show from a house in Canterbury-road, Margate, on the night of 5th February.

The magistrates dismissed the case as they held there was no evidence to connect defendant with the offence.

Defendant said he had lost £1 for a day's work and 15s. travelling expenses.

THREE WEEKS FREEDOM—SIX MONTHS PRISON

Sentence of six months' imprisonment, to run concurrently, on each of two charges of theft and looting was passed by Margate magistrates on Wednesday on Pte. Stanley Herbert Allen, aged 24.

He pleaded guilty to stealing articles from 41 Harold-road and to looting at the same premises.

It was stated Allen broke close arrest, stole civilian clothes from an unoccupied house, changed into them in an adjoining house, and enjoyed three weeks' freedom before being arrested.

When the night is DARK . . and there is no moon

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BROADSTAIRS

Gas Manager's New Appointment.—Mr. E. F. Smallbone, A.M.I.C.E., engineer and manager of Broadstairs and Herne Bay Gas Companies, has been appointed engineer and manager of the Folkestone Gas and Coke Co. in succession to Mr. F. Dawson, who has taken up a similar appointment in North Middlesex. Mr. A. Wells, of Herne Bay, has been appointed successor to Mr. Smallbone at Broadstairs and Herne Bay.

Helpful Chairman.—Councillor B. J. Pearson, the Chairman, was responsible for bringing to the notice of Broadstairs Council the case in which a concession had been allowed a property owner in regard to payment of contributions under Part 1 of the War Damage Act. In our issue of Tuesday last it was inadvertently stated that the matter was brought forward by Councillor E. K. Minter, chairman of the General Purposes Committee.

Templar Hymns.—A programme of favourite hymns was sung at the meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., at Broadstairs Good Templar Hall on Tuesday. The Chief Templar, Miss O. Ware, presided and the intercession service was conducted by the lodge chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W. Those contributing to the programme were Mrs. L. A. Ware, Mrs. B. A. Lowe, Mrs. R. A. Watt, Mrs. A. Hawes, Miss Rixon, Mr. T. E. McCabe, Mr S. Glover, Mr. E. J. Glover and Mr. Impett.

Warship Week Lucky Draw.—The lucky draw organised in connection with Broadstairs Warship Week has had to be cancelled, and persons who have bought tickets and who may desire to have their money refunded should apply to the Civil Defence Headquarters, 69 High-street, Broadstairs, and produce the tickets. It should be borne in mind, however, that the tickets still give admission to the Warship Week Exhibition, and as the committee intended to use the proceeds of the draw to finance the organisation of the week they appeal to purchasers of the tickets to regard their money as a contribution to the funds.

COUNCIL OF READERS

EQUALITY OF SACRIFICE

Sir,—War, it is said, is a great leveller. Actually the masses are split into three classes: (a) those who have lost their all and are in difficult circumstances; (b) those who struggle on and just manage to make ends meet; (c) those who are doing well financially out of the war. In Ramsgate the levelling process is far from being the general operation one would expect in a disastrous war such as we are experiencing. Every week your columns announce the names of Thanet men who have fallen in battle, and of others badly wounded or missing. With similar frequency appear reports of generous salary increases to local officials already in receipt of substantial remuneration.

It is this sort of thing that unsettles and discourages those at the other end of the scale who accept their economic hardships as a duty to the State in a time of peril—real hardship, not imaginary.

How much longer is Ramsgate tenderly to nurse the pay-rolls and comfort of privileged classes while a good three-quarters of the townspeople are suffering acute economic distress and anxiety?

C.V.H.

Ramsgate.

A BOOK-LOVER'S LAMENT

My much-loved books, what shall I do?
They bid me say farewell to you!
You who have nourished my young mind
And taught me to be good and kind,
You who have cheered my darkest hours
With fragrance sweeter than the flowers,
That made my spirit throb with joy
When I was but a carefree boy.
Your pages hide a thousand friends,
The long procession never ends,
Who sometimes seem more real to me
Than neighbours whom I daily see.
Must you all go? Stupendous loss
That makes my present one big cross!
What would your honoured authors say
To see you killed in this sad way?
The children of their hearts and brains,
Your deaths would cause them countless pains.
I hope their poor ghosts do not know
And drink with me my cup of woe.
You made me laugh, you made me weep,
You made imagination leap
To wed a thousand wondrous things,
Through every page emotion sings,
I owe all lovely thoughts to you,
Dear God above, what shall I do?
How can I sit with calm aplomb
And see them turned into a bomb?

WALTER K. LEWIS.

MARGATE FLAG DAYS

The Watch Committee of Margate Council have granted applications for flag days in 1942 in respect of Alexandra Rose Day, Margate and District Hospital, Margate District Nursing Association, British Sailors' Society and the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund.

Consideration of the grant of a flag day for Margate Ambulance Corps and the Westgate and Birchington sections of the St. John Ambulance Brigade has been adjourned.

ABSENTEE CHARGED

Dvr. Cornelious Hopkins, aged 24, of the Dorset Regiment, was charged at Ramsgate police court on Wednesday with being an absentee without leave since Saturday.

P/C Foster said that at 11.15 p.m. the previous day he saw defendant at Ramsgate railway station. He could not produce his pass or paybook and was not wearing a cap badge or respirator. As witness was not satisfied with defendant's answers he took him to the police station, where it was ascertained that he was absent without leave.

An officer from the regiment said there was nothing he could say in defendant's favour.

Hopkins was handed over to an escort.

BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 7.25 p.m. TILL 6.55 a.m.

VICTORY—on Paper

Take to heart the precious nature of paper NOW. It is wanted for munitions.

Keep a box or basket INDOORS for every scrap of paper. Give it to the collector DRY—don't leave it out by the dustbin.

Do not put waste paper with ashes in the dustbin.

You may have some old books tucked away. Please turn them out. An old A.B.C. railway guide weighing 23 ounces would, for example, produce sufficient mixed waste to make four gun fuses.

When you have paper, cardboard, or old books waiting for collection, put a card in your window marked "P."

This will help the collectors, especially if you happen to be out when they call.

Leave your waste in a conveniently dry spot for them to collect.

"So little salved by so many would mean so much."

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Relatives are invited to notify The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, of particulars concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

A New Treasurer.—At a meeting of Ramsgate Local Blind Committee, held under the chairmanship of Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn at the Public Library on Tuesday, the resignation of the hon. treasurer, Mr. J. M. West, who is leaving the town, was received with regret. Mr. R. L. J. Clean was appointed Mr. West's successor.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Bell.—26th February, at Archway House, Broadstairs, the wife of Cpl. E. J. Bell, of a son.

Gordine.—28th February, at Canberra, Minnis Bay, Birchington, the wife of Ldg. Acm. Gordine, of a son.

Petts.—26th February, at Clovelly, Station-road, Minster, to Florence (née Matson), the wife of W. F. Petts, the gift of twins (Robert Henry and Patricia Elizabeth).

Smith.—2nd March, at Margate Hospital, the wife of Flt. Lt. H. J. Smith, R.A.F.V.R., of a son (since deceased).

MARRIAGES

Acworth—Brockman.—28th February, at Christ Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. P. M. Townend, John Raynor Acworth, of Bromley, to Irene Helen Brockman, of Ramsgate.

Dennis—Christian.—28th February, at Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate, Frederick Henry Dennis, of Dover, to Ada Florence Christian, of Ramsgate.

Jones.—3rd March, at Hereford, Jane Jones, late of Northdown-way, Margate, aged 84 years.

King—Eastland.—28th February, at Eton, Bucks, John Lionel King, late of Westgate, to Anne Eastland, of Margate.

Stride—Fuller.—28th February, at Aberdeen House, Ramsgate, Pte. S. J. Stride, of Winchester, to Marie Fuller, of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Billing.—4th March, at a hospital at Glasgow, John Hugh Billing, of Inyanga, Margate-road, Ramsgate, husband of the late Caroline Colliass and brother of Roger R. Billing, Stamford, Bearsden, Dumbartonshire.

Bradley.—4th March, at Bedgebury Hospital, Goudhurst, Ellen Bradley, of 12 Churchfields, Margate, aged 62 years.

Collard.—3rd March, Harold Collard, of 35 Pleasant-place, Margate, aged 48 years.

Phenix.—3rd March, at Victoria Hospital, Romford, Elizabeth Connell Phenix, formerly of 7 Vale-road, Ramsgate.

Rolfe.—1st March, Robert Rolfe, of Freeman's-road, Minster, aged 76 years.

Stagg.—2nd March, at 31 Alexandra-road, Margate, Arthur Stagg, aged 28 years.

Thomas.—25th February, at Rochester, George Thomas, late of Ramsgate, suddenly called away, aged 25 years.—At rest. Ever remembered by Mum, Dad, and family and all.

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